GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3281
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2001
MID-AIR VIOLATIONS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Official writes to IAF on mid-airoccurrence` appearing in the Hindu, Delhi, dated September 11,2001.

(b) if so, the details of mid-air violations of flight occurred on August 18,2001; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for establishing a clear cut set of rules to monitor aircraft movement over the restricted defence air zones, where commercial planes are not allowed to fly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) There was no mid-air violation as the reported traffic was at 2000 ft below the Jet Airways flight while the required separation at this level is 1000 ft.
(c) In view of the above, no fresh steps have been taken in this matter. As per existing system Air defence identification zone, Restricted and Prohibited areas have been established in the Indian Airspace to control and monitor flying of commercial planes over such areas. Also, the Military Liason Unit has been established in the four major international airports i.e. Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai to monitor the flying over Indian Airspace. Civil Defence co-ordination procedure exists to control & regulate the air traffic.